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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER
TWENTY-TWO, LAST, DALLAS, TEXAS. AFO.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DALLAS AND MOBILE,
NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE, LAST. *B. App. 7/1932*

RE EUGENE JOHN MURRETT, COUSIN OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

MR. EUGENE JOHN MURRETT, SJ, SCHOLASTIC, JESUIT HOUSE
OF STUDIES, SPRINGHILL COLLEGE, MOBILE, ALABAMA, ADVISED SA
JOHN J. SWEENEY ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE, LAST, THAT HIS MOTHER
AND THE MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD ARE SISTERS/ THAT HE IS
THIRTY-ONE YEARS OLD AND ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OLDER THAN OSWALD/
THAT OSWALD LIVED WITH THE MURRETT FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY
ONE YEAR SHORTLY AFTER OSWALD/S FATHER DIED WHEN OSWALD WAS
A VERY YOUNG BOY.

MURRETT SAID OSWALD/S MOTHER WAS A SALESLADY AND WORKED IN
IN VARIOUS CLOTHING AND DEPARTMENT STORES THROUGHOUT THE
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UNITED STATES/ THAT HE RECALLS OSWALD HAVING LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK CITY AND DALLAS AND FT. WORTH, TEXAS, AND POSSIBLY OTHER PLACES, BUT TIMES NOT KNOWN.

MURRETT SAID HE AND OSWALD WERE NOT CLOSE, AND HE KNEW VERY LITTLE CONCERNING OSWALD/S BACKGROUND/ THAT OSWALD COMPLETED ABOUT TWO YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND ENLISTED IN THE U. S. MARINE CORPS, YEAR UNKNOWN/ THAT HE LAST SAW OSWALD WHEN HE VISTED THE MURRETT FAMILY IN NEW ORLEANS ON LEAVE FROM THE USMC PRIOR TO GOING OVERSEAS/ THAT THIS WAS BEFORE NINETEEN FIFTY-NINE WHEN MURRETT ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF JESUS.

MURRETT SAID HE HEARD FROM HIS PARENTS SOME TIME AFTER THIS THAT OSWALD AGAIN VISITED THEM IN NEW ORLEANS/ THAT HE DID NOT RECALL IF OSWALD TOLD THE MURRETT FAMILY HE WAS GOING TO RUSSIA AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, IT SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED THIS WAS JUST PRIOR TO THE TIME HE LEFT THE UNITED STATES.

MURRETT SAID HE AGAIN LEARNED FROM HIS FAMILY IN THE LATTER PART OF NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO THAT OSWALD HAD RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING IN RUSSIA ALMOST THREE YEARS/ THAT HIS FAMILY HAD TOLD HIM OSWALD AND HIS WIFE WERE PRESENTLY

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LIVING IN NEW ORLEANS/ THAT AFTER DISCUSSING OSWALD/S TRIP TO RUSSIA WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND FELLOW STUDENTS, HE WROTE OSWALD A LETTER INVITING HIM TO COME AND ADDRESS THE STUDENTS AT A SEMINARY IN MOBILE/ THAT HE ADDRESSED LETTER TO OSWALD TO FOUR NINE ZERO SEVEN MAGAZINE STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA/ THAT LETTER WAS WRITTEN ABOUT TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE TIME OSWALD CAME TO MOBILE ON JULY TWENTY-SEVEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, LAST/ THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR OSWALD TO TRAVEL TO MOBILE WITH THE MURRETT FAMILY TO SAVE EXPENSES, AND THAT OSWALD RECEIVED NO REMUNERATION FOR HIS TALK HERE.

MURRETT SAID OSWALD SPOKE TO ABOUT TWENTY STUDENTS AND TWO PRIESTS AT THE SEMINARY IN MOBILE ON ONE OF THE EVENINGS LISTED ABOVE/ THAT OSWALD TOLD OF TRAVELING TO RUSSIA, BUT MURRETT WAS UNABLE TO RECALL HOW OSWALD SAID HE REACHED THERE/ THAT UPON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, OSWALD APPLIED FOR WORK AND PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN RUSSIA/ THAT HE WAS SENT TO MINSK WHERE HE WORKED IN A FACTORY ON ASSEMBLY LINE TYPE WORK/ THAT HE JOINED A HUNTING CLUB THERE AND ON SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONING OSWALD INDICATED THIS WAS A FACTORY SPONSORED CLUB/ THAT HE MADE WEEKEND
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HUNTING TRIPS REGULARLY AND STAYED OVERNIGHT IN THE HOMES OF PEASANTS/ THAT HE MET HIS WIFE IN MINSK AT A FACTORY DANCE AND LATER MARRIED HER, APPARENTLY WITHOUT ANY RUSSIAN OBJECTIONS.

MURRETT SAID OSWALD DISCUSSED HIS LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA, BUT HE DID NOT RECALL WHAT OSWALD SAID/ THAT OSWALD DID NOT MENTION ATTENDING ANY SCHOOLS THERE, BUT MENTIONED THAT NUMEROUS SPEECHES WERE GIVEN BY VARIOUS RUSSIAN OFFICIALS TO THE WORKERS OF THE FACTORY/ THAT OSWALD BECAME DISILLUSIONED WITH LIFE IN RUSSIA AND SAID THAT COMMUNISM WAS TOO OPRESSIVE TO THE PEOPLE THERE, AND THEY WERE DOMINATED BY ROUGHNECKS/ THAT OSWALD GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS A POLICE TYPE STATE WITHOUT ACTUALLY SAYING SO/ THAT OSWALD WAS VAGUE ABOUT LEAVING RUSSIA, HOWEVER MENTIONED THE RUSSIANS HAVING NO OBJECTION TO MRS. OSWALD LEAVING, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE U. S. GOVERNMENT INDICATED THAT OSWALD DID NOT LEGALLY LOSE HIS U. S. CITIZENSHIP/ THAT OSWALD EVADED THE SUBJECT OF RELIGION AND WHENEVER ASKED A QUESTION CONCERNING RELIGION, OSWALD WOULD PASS IT UP/ THAT OSWALD DEFINITELY

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LEFT THE IMPRESSION OF NOT BELIEVING IN A SUPREME BEING AND OF BEING AN ATHEIST.

MURRETT SAID THAT OSWALD, OSWALD/S WIFE, AND THE MURRETT FAMILY STAYED IN MOBILE ONLY ONE NIGHT/ THAT HE BELIEVED THEY ALL STAYED AT THE PALMS MOTEL IN MOBILE/ THAT OSWALD DID NOT APPEAR TO BE PROSPEROUS AND DID NOT MENTION WHERE OR IF HE WAS EMPLOYED/ THAT OSWALD WAS ONLY WEARING A SHORT SLEEVED SPORT SHIRT AND SLACKS DURING HIS VISIT.

MURRETT ALSO SAID HE WROTE TO OSWALD SHORTLY AFTER HE LEFT MOBILE AT THE SAME NEW ORLEANS ADDRESS/ THAT OSWALD DURING HIS SPEECH MENTIONED HE DID NOT APROVE OF SPECULATION OR THE OPERATIONS OF THE STOCK MARKET AND CONSIDERED IT GAMBLING/ THAT OSWALD ALSO INDICATED THAT NO ONE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE WORKING CLASS.

MURRETT STATED THAT HE POINTED OUT IN HIS LETTER TO OSWALD THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS DEFINITELY CONCERNED WITH THE WELFARE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE, AND SENT OSWALD A COPY OF THE ENCYCLICAL OF POPE JOHN THE TWENTY-THIRD, QUOTE MATER ET MAGISTRA UNQUOTE/ THAT HE RECEIVED LETTER FROM OSWALD BUT
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OSWALD DID NOT INDICATE HE RECEIVED THE ENCYCLICAL OR READ IT/ AND THAT THIS WAS THE LAST TIME HE HEARD FROM OSWALD.

MURRETT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ANY OF OSWALD/S FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES, AND OSWALD NEVER MENTIONED THEM/ THAT OSWALD NEVER MENTIONED THE COUNTRY OF CUBA OR THE FACT THAT HE BELONGED TO ANY ORGANIZATIONS/ THAT OSWALD NEVER MADE ANY REVOLUTIONARY STATEMENTS OR APPEARED PRONE TO VIOLENCE. *Jesuit House of Studies, Mobile, AL*

FATHER MALCOLM P. MULLEN, SJ, PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY,
AND FATHER JOHN F. MOORE, SJ, PROFESSOR OF LOGIC AND EPISTEMOLOGY,
JESUIT HOUSE OF STUDIES, MOBILE, WERE INTERVIEWED ON NOVEMBER THIRTY, INSTANT, BY SAS HARRY J. DEGNAN AND JOHN J. SWEENEY. *ALA.*
THEY ADVISED THEY ATTENDED THE TALK OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD THERE IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE/ THAT OSWALD WAS A COUSIN OF EUGENE MURRETT, A SCHOLASTIC THERE, WHO ARRANGED THE TALK. THEY SAID OSWALD APPARENTLY WENT TO RUSSIA AFTER READING WORKS OF KARL MARX, TO SEE EXACTLY HOW PEOPLE LIVED THERE/ THAT ON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, OSWALD APPLIED FOR WORK AND WAS SENT TO MINSK TO WORK IN A FACTORY/ THAT HE JOINED A HUNTIN CLUB*AND SPENT MANY WEEKENDS HUNTING/ THAT
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HE CAME TO KNOW THE PEASANTS VERY WELL THIS WAY, AS HE SLEPT IN THEIR HOMES/ THAT OSWALD CLAIMED HE LIKED THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND WAS TREATED WELL BY THEM, EVEN WHEN THE U-TWO INCIDENT WAS PUBLICIZED/ THAT OSWALD BECAME DISILLUSIONED AFTER ABOUT THREE YEARS SINCE COMMUNISM DID NOT MEASURE UP TO HIS IDEA OF MARXISM/ THAT OSWALD SAID HE APPLIED FOR PERMISSION FOR HIS WIFE AND HIMSELF TO LEAVE RUSSIA AND IT WAS APPROVED, BUT THEY DID NOT RECALL IF OSWALD SAID SPECIFICALLY HOW/ THAT OSWALD EVADED THE SUBJECT OF RELIGION, AND THEY RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION HE WAS AN ATHEIST/ THAT OSWALD WAS JUST AN AVERAGE SPEAKER/ THAT HE DID NOT APPEAR PROSPEROUS, BUT WAS NEAT AND CLEAN/ THAT HE DID NOT MENTION ANY REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS OR INDICATE ANY VIOLENT TENDENCIES, AND THAT OSWALD DID NOT MENTION ANY SCHOOLS HE ATTENDED THERE OR ANY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH HE BELONGED IN THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY OF HIS FRIENDS. THEY SAID THAT OSWALD'S TALK AND SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONING PERIOD LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR.

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MR. ROBERT ~~J.~~ FITZPATRICK, SJ, SCHOLASTIC, JESUIT SEMINARY, MOBILE, ALABAMA, ON NOVEMBER THIRTY, INSTANT, ADVISED SAS HARRY J. DEGNAN AND JOHN J. SWEENEY THAT HE RECALLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD. HE SAID HE WAS STUDYING THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LEARNED THAT EUGENE MURRETT, ANOTHER SCHOLASTIC, HAD A COUSIN WHO SPENT THREE YEARS IN RUSSIA/ THAT MURRETT ARRANGED FOR OSWALD TO SPEAK TO A GROUP OF STUDENTS THERE.

FITZPATRICK SAID OSWALD, HIS WIFE, AND TWO YEAR OLD DAUGHTER CAME TO MOBILE, ALABAMA ON SATURDAY, JULY TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PARENTS OF MURRETT. HE SAID THAT THEY WERE ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY MURRETT/S BROTHER AND SISTER, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SPOUSES. FITZPATRICK SAID HE DID NOT ATTEND OSWALD/S TALK, BUT STAYED WITH MRS. MURRETT AND OSWALD/S WIFE, MARINA, BECAUSE OF HIS ABILITY TO SPEAK RUSSIAN. HE SAID MRS. OSWALD WAS A VERY FINE WOMAN, HOWEVER COULD NOT SPEAK ENGLISH/ THAT MRS. MURRETT WAS ANXIOUS TO TALK TO MRS. OSWALD WITHOUT OSWALD BEING PRESENT, SINCE SHE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE, AS OSWALD HAD TO TRANSLATE FOR HER.

FITZPATRICK SAID MRS. OSWALD TOLD HIM SHE WAS RAISED IN THE

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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX FAITH UNTIL SHE WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS OLD WHEN
HER RELATIONS DIED/ THAT SHE HAD ABOUT THE EQUIVALENT OF WHAT
COULD BE CONSIDERED A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED
STATES/ THAT SHE WAS NOT A COMMUNIST AND LOVED RUSSIA AND
THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE/ THAT SHE HAD NO LIVING RELATIVES THERE/
THAT MRS. OSWALD SAID THERE WERE MANY INCONVENIENCES IN RUSSIA,
BUT PEOPLE HAD NO DIFFICULTY LIVING THERE/ THAT SHE MET OSWALD
AT A FACTORY DANCE IN MINSK AND THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY MARRIED.

FITZPATRICK SAID MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE LIKED THE UNITED
STATES VERY MUCH, AND THERE APPEARED TO BE NO CONFLICT WITH
THIS AND HER LOVE FOR RUSSIA/ THAT SHE HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN ENGLISH, SINCE OSWALD KEPT HER COMPLETELY AWAY FROM
OTHER PEOPLE/ THAT SHE SEEMED HAPPY WITH OSWALD/ HOWEVER
OSWALD WAS DEFINITELY THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY/ THAT OSWALD
DID A GREAT DEAL OF READING, HOWEVER, IT WAS SCATTERED AND
HAD NO DIRECTIN OR PLANING.

FITZPATRICK SAID MRS. OSWALD ONLY MENTIONED RESIDING IN
NEW ORLEANS, HOWEVER, HE RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE
OSWALDS LIVED IN OTHER CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES/ THAT
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MRS. OSWALD SAID OSWALD WAS OUT OF WORK AND THEY WERE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME FINANCIALLY/ THAT OSWALD WAS AWAY FROM HOME A LOT, AND SHE DID NOT KNOW ANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES OR ACTIVITIES/ THAT MRS. OSWALD WAS DRESSED NEATLY, BUT NOT EXPENSIVELY/ THAT OSWALD, ALTHOUGH NOT SHABBILY DRESSED, DID NOT APPEAR TO KNOW HOW TO WEAR CLOTHING PROPERLY/ THAT MRS. OSWALD SAID IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT GETTING OUT OF RUSSIA, BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN THIS ^FMARK.

FITZPATRICK SAID MRS. MURRETT HAD HIM ASK MRS. OSWALD IF SHE WOULD CARE TO GO TO MASS THE FOLLOWING MORNING, SUNDAY/ THAT MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO VERY MUCH, BUT COULD NOT BECAUSE OF OSWALD/ THAT ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS IN HIS TALK WITH MRS. OSWALD, SHE SAID OSWALD WAS QUOTE WITHOUT GOD UNQUOTE/ THAT MRS. OSWALD INDICATED SHE HAD NEVER BEEN TO MOBILE PREVIOUSLY.

FITZPATRICK SAID HE TALKED WITH OSWALD FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES AFTER HIS SPEECH IN THE PRESENCE OF MRS. OSWALD AND THE MURRETT FAMILY/ THAT OSWALD SEEMED TO BE A VERY INTENSE AND HIGH STRUNG PERSON/ THAT OSWALD NEVER SMILED AND WAS NOT
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AT ALL FRIENDLY/ THAT OSWALD SPOKE FAIRLY GOOD RUSSIAN,
HOWEVER IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT AS SMOOTH OR CORRECT AS
HIS WIFE/S/ THAT OSWALD DID NOT MENTION POLITICS TO HIM AND
EVADED QUESTIONS AS TO HOW HE MANAGED TO LEAVE RUSSIA WITH
HIS WIFE/.

FITZPATRICK SAID WITH MRS. OSWALD/S PERMISSION , HE WROTE
HER A LETTER IN RUSSIAN WHICH HE MAILED ABOUT AUGUST EIGHT,
LAST/ THAT HE ADDRESSED IT TO FOUR NINE ZERO SEVEN MAGAZINE
STREET, NEW ORLEANS, AND PLACED HIS RETURN ADDRESS ON IT.
HE SAID MRS. OSWALD SAID SHE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO CORRES-
POND WITH HIM AND WOULD CORRECT AND RETURN HIS LETTERS WITH
HER OWN. HE SAID HE NEVER RECEIVED AN ANSWER FROM MRS.
OSWALD, AND HIS LETTER WAS NEVER RETURNED TO HIM.

HE SAID HE LATER LEARNED THAT OSWALD HAD MOVED FROM
NEW ORLEANS ABOUT THIS TIME.

FITZPATRICK SAID THAT AS SOON AS HE HEARD THAT OSWALD
HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON THE SUSPICION OF ASSASSINATING PRESIDENT
KENNEDY, HE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED SEVERAL OF THE SCHOLASTICS
WHO HEARD OSWALD/S SPEECH. HE SAID HE OBTAINED THESE
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INDIVIDUALS/ IMPRESSIONS OF OSWALD AND SOME OF OSWALD/S REMARKS. FITZPATRICK SAID HE TYPED UP A SUMMARY OF THESE IMPRESSIONS IMMEDIATELY AND RECONTACTED THESE SAME INDIVIDUALS TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE CORRECT. HE SAID AFTER MAKING A FEW ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS, HE SUBSEQUENTLY TYPED UP A FIVE PAGE SUMMARY OF OSWALD/S SPEECH AND THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED HIM. FITZPATRICK MADE AVAILABLE A COPY OF THIS SUMMARY, WHICH SUMMARY WILL BE REPORTED VERBATIM IN HIS THREE ZERO TWO.

MRS. BERT PHAREZ, PALMS MOTEL, THREE NINE NINE FOUR GOVERNMENT STREET BOULEVARD, MOBILE, ALABAMA ON NOVEMBER THIRTY, INSTANT, ADVISED THAT REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE REFLECTS THAT MR. AND MRS. CHARLES MURRETT, SEVEN FIVE SEVEN FRENCH STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, REGISTERED THERE AT THREE THIRTY P. M., JULY TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST. THIS CARD INDICATED THAT THIS PARTY CONSISTED OF SIX INDIVIDUALS, AND THEY WERE ASSIGNED TO ROOMS FOUR AND SIX. THEY PAID SIXTEEN DOLLARS NINETY-SIX CENTS CASH FOR THESE ROOMS AND WOULD HAVE CHECKED OUT PRIOR TO ONE P. M., JULY

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TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST. THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AS TO THE AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH THEY WERE TRAVELING, AND NO TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE FROM THESE ROOMS.

MRS. PHAREZ ALSO MADE AVAILABLE REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER FIVE SEVEN FIVE TWO REFLECTING THAT OSWALD, MAGAZINE STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, REGISTERED AT THREE THIRTY P.M., JULY TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST/ THAT HIS PARTY CONSISTED OF TWO PERSONS, AND THEY WERE ASSIGNED TO ROOM TWENTY-FOUR. EIGHT DOLLARS FORTY-EIGHT CENTS IN CASH WAS PAID FOR THIS ROOM, AND THE OCCUPANTS WOULD HAVE CHECKED OUT BEFORE ONE P. M., JULY TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST. THERE WAS AGAIN NO AUTOMOBILE INFORMATION ON THIS CARD, AND NO TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE FROM THIS ROOM.

NEW ORLEANS, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY HANDLED, INTERVIEW MR. AND MRS. CHARLES MURRETT BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, EUGENE JOHN MURRETT, MOBILE, ALABAMA, ADVISED SA JOHN J. SWEENEY HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE, LAST, BY U. S. SECRET SERVICE AGENT, FORRETT GUTHRIE, CONCERNING HIS

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